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(57) Abstract Methods and apparatus for diagnosis of disease and predisposition to disease are described. In particular, methods for diagnosis of osteoporosis and determination of bone mineral density in individuals are provided as well as treatments and therapies for delaying and preventing the onset of disease in at-risk individuals.			